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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

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Regional Administrator

SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT OF PACIFIC WHITING

Regulations at 50 CFR 660.323 (c) provide for the reapportionment of Pacific whiting allocations that the Regional Administrator determines will not be used by the end of the fishing year. The best available information on November 28, 2007 indicates that 6,000 metric tons (mt) of the 87,398 mt shore-based sectors allocation will not be used by December 31, 2007. Therefore, NMFS is taking action at this time to reapportion the surplus whiting. Such reapportionments are generally disbursed to the other sectors in the same proportion as each sector's allotted portion of the commercial OY. Because the mothership sector has stated it is not interested in harvesting reapportioned whiting in 2007, the 6,000 mt of whiting from the shore-based sector will be reallocated to the catcher/processor sector.

Effective **1200 local time November 28, 2007** a surplus of 6,000 mt of Pacific whiting is reallocated from the shore-based sector to the to catcher/processor sector. The revised Pacific whiting allocations by sector for 2007 is: catcher/processor 76,751 mt, mothership 49,942 mt, and shore-based 81,398 mt.

This communication serves as official notice of the reapportionment.

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